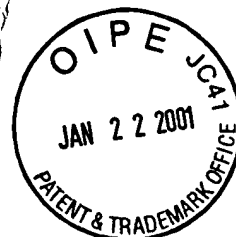


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Dear Sir:

1. My name is Donald Francis Engel. I am one of the persons identified as an inventor for this patent application.
2. I understand that this patent application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/198,846, filed November 24, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,004,336. Application 09/198,846 is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/884,205, filed June 27, 1997, now U.S. Patent 5,938,804. Application 08/884,205 is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/742,244, filed October 31, 1996, now U.S. Patent 5,690,712. Application 08/742,244 is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/344,371, filed November 23, 1994, now U.S. Patent 5,613,992. I was named as the sole inventor on both Application Serial No. 08/742,244 and Application Serial No. 08/344,371.
3. I understand that this application names inventors in addition to me. I understand that the additional inventors named for this application are: Dolan Bartels; John Hacker; Bruce Crenshaw; and Don Harold, who is now deceased.
4. Attached as Exhibit A are the pending independent claims (claims 17 and 34) for this application. I have reviewed these claims. I believe that I am the sole inventor of these

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claims. My inventions of claims 17 and 34 were described in the originally filed application, Serial No. 08/344,371.

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17. A filter element comprising:
- (a) a cylindrical extension of media defining an open filter interior;
  - (b) a first end cap at one end of said cylindrical extension of media; said first end cap having a central opening, and an annular sealing portion;
    - (i) said annular sealing portion comprising a polymeric material and being oriented to form a first radial seal with a housing, when the filter element is operably positioned in the housing;
  - (c) a second end cap at an opposite end of said cylindrical extension of media; said second end cap having a central aperture, and an annular sealing portion;
    - (i) said second end cap annular sealing portion comprising a polymeric material and being oriented to form a second radial seal with a housing, when the filter element is operably positioned in the housing.
34. A filter element comprising:
- (a) a cylindrical extension of media defining an open filter interior;
  - (b) a first end cap at one end of said cylindrical extension of media; said first end cap having a central opening, and an annular sealing portion;
    - (i) said annular sealing portion comprising a polymeric material and being oriented to form a radial seal with a housing, when the filter element is operably positioned in the housing;
    - (ii) said annular sealing portion being oriented along an interior portion of said first end cap; and
  - (c) a second end cap at an opposite end of said cylindrical extension of media; said second end cap having a central aperture, and a sealing gasket;
    - (i) said sealing gasket being oriented to form an axial seal with a housing, when the filter element is operably positioned in the housing.

